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REMARKS

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 31-35 and allowed claims

1-2, 5-17, 19, 20, 22-30 and 36-38. By this paper, the Applicants hereby cancel claims

31-35 and amend claim 14 to expedite allowance of the present application. As discussed

in the previous response, the Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's

rejection of claims 31-35. Accordingly, the Applicants reserve the right to pursue the

subject matter of claims 31-35 in a continuation application. In view of the foregoing

amendment and the following remarks, the Applicants respectfully request allowance of

the present application.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 31-35 as anticipated by

Kofflin (U.S. Patent No. 5,355,917). As mentioned above, the Applicants hereby cancel

claims 31-35, thereby rendering the Examiner's rejection moot. For this reason, the

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the foregoing rejection.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for

allowance. If the Examiner wishes to resolve any other issues, then the Examiner is

kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated

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Respectfully submitted,

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